

Case CM1883

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
VERMOTE, Christian Leo Marie
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/17558
Filed in the RO/US on 03 August 1999
Entitled: Fabric Care Compositions

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase,
please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS:**

* Please cancel Claims 3 thru 12.

Please add the following new claims:

13. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said dye fixing agent is cellulose reactive dye fixing agent.

14. A composition according to Claim 13, wherein the cellulose reactive dye fixing agent is a product containing the reactive group of the reactive dye classes selected from halogeno-triazine products, vinyl sulphones compounds, epichlorhydrine derivatives, hydroxyethylene urea derivatives, formaldehyde condensation products, polycarboxylates, glyoxal and glutaraldehyde derivatives and mixtures thereof.

15. A composition according to Claim 14, wherein said cellulose reactive dye fixing agent is a formaldehyde condensation product selected from the condensation products derived from formaldehyde and a group selected from an amino-group, an imino-group, a phenol group, an urea group, a cyanamide group and an aromatic group.

16. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said dye fixing agent is present in an amount of 0.01% to 50% by weight of the composition.

17. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said divalent salt is made of earth alkaline metal salts.